

As a small business owner, I chose to purchase a satellite radio system to keep me informed and entertained while on the road. I find that our local radio market is annoying, with poor music selection and too many commercials. I occasionally listen to AM stations for traffic and weather, but the reports are usually issued in varying formats, making it difficult to hear what I need to. Satellite radio (I subscribe to XM) offers me a clear and superior alternative. With the touch of a button, I can hear the weather and traffic when I NEED it. The basis of NAB's petition (#04-160) is that I cannot choose whom I listen to - remember, this is a service I PAY for. I hope that you understand the difference of satellite radio being a PAID service, versus one that utilizes the public airwaves. Just as cable has its place in today's society, so should satellite radio. Who knows, maybe the quality of local radio will improve?

Sincerely,

Christine Vitale